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## forum 2005

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of urban  
sustainability.



## WILLIAM SHUTKIN May 9



### "Civic Innovation & Sustainable Communities"

Monday, May 9, 2005, 5:30-7:00 pm  
Seattle Central Library Auditorium

**FEATURING: William Shutkin**  
President & CEO, The Orton Family Foundation

Sustainability may be a term that's launched a thousand conferences, yet almost nobody seems to know what it looks like on the ground. William Shutkin addresses how people and institutions live out the principles and values of sustainability in their day-to-day activities. He also shows how sustainable communities start with civic innovators—people who can see across and beyond traditional constituencies, categories, institutions, and practices, define new realities, and navigate the difficult pathways to get there.

Catching the powerful impulses that drive Shutkin's career and activities, David Brower once described this attorney, educator and social entrepreneur as "an environmental visionary looking for and creating solutions to today's problems with a passion that would make John Muir and Martin Luther King equally proud."

Shutkin was selected in 2004 to head the Orton Family Foundation, the Vermont and Colorado-based operating foundation that seeks to promote sustainable development in local communities, and on a regional basis, by engaging citizens in land use planning to make informed decisions affecting their environment and quality of life.

From 1999-2004, Shutkin taught environmental law and policy in MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning (where he remains a Research Affiliate). He was also an adjunct professor of law at Boston College Law School, and taught courses in urban affairs and environmental policy at Tufts University and Northeastern University School of Law.

Throughout his career, Shutkin has advised national, state and local environmental groups and governments on environmental and sustainable development issues. He has appeared as a guest on several national radio programs, including NPR's "Living on Earth." He is also a published poet, has written in numerous national magazines and newspapers, and his book, *The Land That Could Be: Environmentalism and Democracy in the Twenty-First Century* (MIT Press, 2000), won the 2001 Best Book Award for Ecological and Transformational Politics from the American Political Science Association.

## questions?

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